CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 14.04.2015:

The President, Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 17 members present. The first part of the meeting was concerned with the **Croydon Philatelic Society's annual competitions** where the members present each judged the entries.

The **Silver Medal** is awarded for 12 sheets on any philatelic subject. It was won by **Frank Simpson** for his display of **"Brunswick".**

The **John Burgess Thematic Trophy** is awarded for a thematic display of 9 or 12 sheets. It was won by **Graham Harker** for his display on the **"Great Western Railway's Air Services."**

During the second part of the evening **Brian Asquith** gave a display of **"Aviation on Bank Notes".**

This is a collection he started whilst running the Bond & Bank Note Auction at Phillips (now Bonham), based in their Stamp Department, from 1990 to around 2000.

The earliest note depicting an aeroplane is a Unites States $20 Federal Reserve Note showing a motor car, a steam engine, an ocean liner, the Statue of Liberty and a bi-plane flying over them. Also shown was an early Chinese Bank Note which for some reason illustrated Princess Street, Edinburgh, including the Scott Memorial, with a bi-plane flying overhead.

Milestones of flight included Australian Captain Charles Kingsford Smith who with C.T.P. Ulm was the first to fly across the Pacific in 1928. Portuguese pilots Gago Coutinho and Sacadum Cabral flew a British built Fairey bi-plane from Lisbon to Rio in Brazil in 1922. The display ended with American Military Payments Certificates, used by US forces in their service canteens around the world, which have a spaceman orbiting high above the earth.

The meeting closed at 21.30 hours with thanks from President Paul for all the contributors to the evening.

Graham Harker, Honorary Assistant Secretary
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